

Proclamation

By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick's **Veteran Street Sign Program** allows Township residents who were Wartime Veterans to be recognized by adding their name on a secondary street sign to an existing Municipal Road; and

WHEREAS, by adding names of local Wartime Veterans to public street signs, we hope to promote public awareness of these individuals and show our appreciation for their outstanding contributions and service to our country as a member of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, eligible military candidates for this honor include honorably discharged Veterans having served in Military Departments as defined under Department of Defense which include Departments of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and the Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, Wartime Veterans are individuals who served in the active military forces, during a period of armed conflict or who received the armed forces expeditionary or other campaign service medals during an emergency condition, including those who died in the line of duty in the active military forces; and

WHEREAS, **Charles Henry Smith** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, **Charles** was born on January 22, 1982 in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He grew up in Highland Park and graduated from New Brunswick High School in 1999; and

WHEREAS, **Charles** enlisted in the United States Army as a Chinook crew chief immediately after high school. He attended Army basic training in Fort Leonardwood, Missouri and advanced training at Shepard Airforce Base, Texas. He was first stationed at Seoul Air Base Korea for two years with the Delta Company/ 52nd Aviation Regiment, 17th Aviation Brigade. While in Korea, he was ordered to come home during 9/11 in order to prepare and deploy for the Global War on Terror. In August 2003, he was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division's Aviation Brigade in Savannah, Georgia. He would later deploy to Camp Taji, Iraq in 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom where he served as a Chinook crew member and door gunner and flew 198 combat flights. In 2007, he would deploy to Kandahar Airbase, Afghanistan with the 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Charles was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army on December 30, 2007. He enlisted the next day for the Georgia Air National Guard as active duty C-130 crew chief. He was with the Air National Guard until December 2013 when he was Honorably Discharged. He flew as an aircrew member to twenty two countries in support of the global war on terror and providing humanitarian support during the Russian-Georgian conflict. During his service, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, three Army Achievement Medals, the Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Air Crew Wings, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon and the Basic Aviation Badge; and

WHEREAS, **Charles** has worked as a Federal Office with US Customs and Border Protection since April 2009.

WHEREAS, **Charles** lives in North Brunswick with his wife Bridgette and their five children; Brian, Zachary, Jayden, Paris and Sophia.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**, distinguished recognition to **Charles H. Smith** for his service to our country ensuring freedom for all.

Francis M. Womack III
Mayor

Bob Davis
Council President

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
May 21, 2018

Lou Ann Benson
Director of DPRCS